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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a December 29, 2005 Official Action, and have not yet filed a response thereto.

In the interim, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56
and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's
attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following document were cited in a European Search Report of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) US 5,296,945;
- (2) US 4,679,095;
- (3) US 5,182,636;
- (4) US 4,393,399;
- (5) US 4,694,329; and
- (6) EP 0 429 992.

The Search Report is dated December 19, 2005. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	0 429 992 A2	06/05/1991	Europe			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

December 19, 2005 European Search Report in European Application No. 05076332.5

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